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1. The airfield was located east of the TBILISI-NAVTUG (44°45' E/41°42'N) airfield, north of a railroad line running east.
2. The grass-covered landing field had no hard-surface taxiways or runways. Two hangars, each about 100 x 160 feet, and some small quartering cantonment buildings were located at the northern field border. There were aircraft revetments behind the hangars.
3. Biplanes and twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, which were observed in take-off and landing training, were in the revetments and hangars.
4. Single-engine fighters took off and fired at sleeve targets towed by aircraft from another airfield. The latter aircraft came from an area located 3 to 4 miles to the east.*

Comment: These statements generally confirm observations made in December 1947. According to previous information, a flying school for beginners was assumed to be stationed at the airfield. This school was apparently expanded in 1948/1949 with a combat training course for fighter pilots.

* The aircraft towing sleeve targets were possibly stationed at the VAZIANI or the SARTICHALA airfield.

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